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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 1.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 2, 2009**. Excessive rainfall across the state has halted fieldwork for many producers. Areas of southern Mississippi finally received rainfall after a lengthy period of dry weather. Corn harvest should begin as weather and field conditions permit. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 10 percent short, 36 percent adequate and 51 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 08/02/09				
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dough	98	96	99	97
Corn, dent	89	78	88	85
Corn, mature	19	6	33	34
Corn Silage, harvested	48	40	48	66
Cotton, squaring	100	100	100	100
Cotton, setting bolls	87	73	91	93
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	74	70	71	66
Peanuts, pegging	100	99	100	--
Rice, headed	48	27	48	71
Sorghum, heading	99	98	94	98
Sorghum, coloring	28	23	60	67
Soybeans, blooming	99	98	98	99
Soybeans, setting pods	89	86	89	94
Soybeans, turning color	9	5	4	20
Watermelons, harvested	96	94	97	96

Crop condition for week ending 08/02/09					
Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	5	16	33	37	9
Cotton	3	8	33	42	14
Hay	0	9	33	50	8
Livestock	1	3	29	62	5
Pasture	2	6	33	52	7
Peanuts	0	6	42	43	9
Rice	0	4	32	54	10
Sorghum	0	2	42	50	6
Soybeans	3	10	31	43	13
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	16	67	17

Comments

“Producers have quickly gone from not enough rain to too much rain in just a few days. Most producers in Tunica County have received rainfall in excess of 10 inches during the month of July.”

— Anthony Bland, Tunica

“Over 6 inches of rain in the last 7 days has halted all fieldwork. Corn harvest will begin as soon as fields dry. Surplus moisture could be setting the soybean crop up for late season diseases.”

— Robert Martin, Issaquena & Sharkey

“The armyworms seem to hit our area about the same time that the rains hit. Some cattlemen were spraying the hay that was cut and on the ground because the armyworms were still eating the grass. With all the rain, the hay hadn’t been drying down and the worms just kept munching.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Rains in mid to late July have been a savior for forages and soybeans. Corn, on the other hand, remains to be seen because some fields had reached black layer prior to the rain.”

— Randy Smith, Covington

“We received some much needed rain last week. Soil moisture is still short over most of the county. I still predict a shortage of hay in our area.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Much welcomed rains have really made a difference in all our crops and pastures. The rainfall caused a reduction in the number of cattle going to market.”

— Mike Steede, George

“We need some dry weather. Cotton growers are still spraying for plant bugs.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“It's muddy.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Insects are still quiet. Farmers are starting to say "we need a dry spell" after 5 inches of rain in the last 14 days.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Insect and disease pressure remains light in soybeans.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“We have gone from being too dry to too wet. Maybe this week we can dry out and get some needed fieldwork completed, then rain again next week.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Too much rain over the week has caused problems with soybeans yellowing and corn lodging. We need sunshine and warmer temperatures.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“A wet July is very unusual. We've had enough rain for a while. Some farmers need to get back into fields, but can't until we get a break.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Last week's rainfall was greatly needed and has perked fields and pastures up.”

— Ruby Rankin, Kemper

“Thundershowers around the county have helped, bringing much needed rain.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 08/02/09													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Charleston	92	61	78	81	-3	5.84	4.99	5	9.72				
Cleveland	90	70	78	83	-5	6.43	5.70	5	10.23				
Clarksdale	88	70	77	82	-5	4.43	3.70	5	7.56				
Lambert 1W	91	71	79			3.00	2.30	5	8.38				
Extreme/Average	92	61	78	82	-4	4.93	4.20	5	10.23				
North-Central													
Batesville 2SW	89	70	77	80	-3	3.05	2.30	3	7.34				
Calhoun City	88	70	78	81	-3	3.09	2.27	6	8.86				
Hickory Flat	88	66	77	80	-3	2.66	1.73	7	11.91				
Holly Springs 4N	90	64	77	79	-2	2.90	2.01	6	8.65				
Independence	87	67	76	80	-4	3.67	2.92	6	11.66				
Oxford	91	67	78	80	-2	3.11	2.27	6	6.93				
Extreme/Average	91	64	77	81	-4	3.08	2.25	6	9.60				
Northeast													
Iuka	86	66	76	78	-2	1.61	0.62	6	6.07				
Tupelo 2	90	70	78			2.05	0.00	6	3.90				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	88	69	77	81	-4	3.64	2.80	7	8.52				
Verona	89	69	78	81	-3	12.13	11.36	5	16.08				
Extreme/Average	90	66	77	81	-4	4.86	4.04	6	8.64				
Lower Delta													
Belzoni	90	64	79	82	-3	6.09	5.07	6	10.24				
Moorhead	88	68	77	83	-6	3.94	3.10	6	6.01				
Rolling Fork	92	71	81	82	-1	7.55	6.78	6	11.02				
Stoneville Exp						0.67	0.02	2	4.93				
Yazoo City 5NNE	89	70	80	82	-2	9.02	8.12	5	14.43				
Extreme/Average	92	64	79	83	-4	6.65	5.83	6	8.52				
Central													
Canton 4N				82		5.57	4.75	5	7.06				
Eupora 2E	89	68	77	80	-3	4.12	3.33	6	12.82				
Forest	91	64	79	81	-2	3.36	2.19	6	6.94				
Kosciusko				81		0.09	-1.02	1	4.44				
Extreme/Average	91	64	78	81	-3	4.35	3.40	6	6.94				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	91	71	78	81	-3	3.01	2.27	6	4.67				
Brooksville Exp	96	69	80			2.60	1.82	3	5.04				
Columbus	92	69	80	82	-2	2.76	1.88	4	5.37				
Macon				81		3.70	2.75	4	6.97				
State University	93	69	79	81	-2	3.86	2.98	6	6.27				
Extreme/Average	96	69	79	81	-2	3.19	2.30	5	5.44				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs Exp	94	70	81	82	-1	0.78	-0.06	4	5.85				
Natchez	91	72	81	82	-1	4.45	3.61	6	11.07				
Port Gibson 1NE	91	71	81	81	0	2.43	1.62	7	4.93				
Vicksburg	91	72	80			6.46	0.00	7	11.03				
Woodville 4ESE	93	67	80	82	-2	1.86	0.73	5	5.67				
Extreme/Average	94	67	81	82	-1	3.20	2.24	6	8.44				
South-Central													
Collins	94	69	81	81		2.20	1.17	5	5.00				
Columbia	95	69	83	82	1	2.06	0.88	5	3.02				
Monticello	97	70	84	82	2	1.07	0.07	5	4.84				
Raleigh 6N	92	65	79			1.44		6	5.26				
Extreme/Average	97	65	82	82	0	1.69	0.54	5	4.53				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	93	68	81	82	-1	1.68	0.44	6	5.69				
Laurel	93	68	82	82		1.64	0.50	4	3.35				
Newton Exp	93	66	80	81	-1	1.80	0.77	6	5.36				
Waynesboro	97	69	83	81	2	1.00	0.01	4	1.90				
Extreme/Average	97	66	81	81	0	1.53	0.41	5	4.08				
Coastal													
State	97	61	79	81	-2	3.55	2.62	6	7.15				

DFN = Departure from Normal.